



MONTINORE ESTATE

2019

# “RED CAP” PINOT NOIR

*Willamette Valley, Oregon*



APPELLATION  
**WILLAMETTE VALLEY**

VARIETY  
**100% PINOT NOIR**

CLONES  
**POMMARD  
WÄDENSWIL  
DIJON**

HARVEST DATE  
**SEPTEMBER 24 –  
OCTOBER 15**

COOPERAGE  
**FRENCH  
HUNGARIAN  
20% NEW**

AGING  
**10 MONTHS**

pH  
**3.51**

TA  
**5.7**

RS  
**.04%**

ALCOHOL  
**13.2%**

WINEMAKER  
**STEPHEN WEBBER**

BOTTLING DATE  
**SEPTEMBER 2020**

RELEASE DATE  
**OCTOBER 2021**

## THE VINTAGE

The 2019 vintage began with a mild, cooler spring and a warm summer with few extremes, and not much disease or pest pressure. Everything was going to plan until Mother Nature flipped the script in September from ideal ripening to cold and rains. Hard picking decisions had to be condensed between weather breaks, resulting in lower sugar levels and higher natural acidity. This brought out nuances and subtle complexities while maintaining freshness. A challenging, but classic Oregon vintage.

## THE WINEMAKING

A beautiful vintage and a commitment to thoughtful winemaking are well reflected in this release of “Red Cap” Pinot Noir. This is a carefully constructed wine produced from select growing sites throughout the Willamette Valley, all of which use sustainable growing practices and carry LIVE certification. Predominantly Laurelwood soils, this wine also includes grapes grown in volcanic and marine sedimentary soils, a broad representation of the appellation. We utilized mostly French and Hungarian oak storage vessels for maturation and development. It is a nice reflection of the perfect terroir in the Willamette Valley and the warm, dry growing season led to ripe fruit and concentration that balances perfectly with our trademark texture and acidity.

## THE WINE

Vibrant aromas of Bing cherry, red plum, fruit pie and a whiff of geranium introduce a sumptuous mouthful of Marionberry, more cherry and sundried tomato. The palate is smooth and the structure has gumption, offering a zesty finish. The tannins are chewy and gratifying, with a hint of dried fig and spice lingering at the finish. A consistently well-crafted Pinot Noir at a great price point, the 2019 vintage of the “Red Cap” is no exception.



Made with LIVE-certified grapes.



**Wine Spectator**

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